

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-3, 9, 17, 20-21, 24, 26, 32, 37-41, 46-48, and 53 have been cancelled.

Claims 4-8, 10-16, 18-19, 22-23, 25, 27-31, 33-36, 42-45, and 49-52 are amended as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to for:

~~display for selection by a second user, a subset of carriers from a plurality of carriers, wherein the subset of carriers is identified by a first user for display to the second user.~~

receiving, via a first computer device, an input of a subset of carriers that have been selected by a first user from a plurality of carriers and designated as acceptable carriers by the first user;

displaying the subset of carriers to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by a second user;

receiving a selection of a particular carrier from a plurality of carriers, said selection having been made by a second user via the second computer device, said selection designating said particular carrier as a carrier that is to deliver a package to be shipped by the first user to the second user; and

in response to the second user selecting the particular carrier from the subset of carriers, designating the particular carrier as a carrier that will deliver the package from the first user to the second user.

5. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to for:

receiving, from a first computer device, a set of itemized charge preferences input by a first user; and

customizing a calculation of a total charge associated with the purchase of an item by a second user, said total charge comprising both: (A) a purchase price of said item, and (B) shipping charges associated with shipping the item to the second user, wherein:

(1) the shipping management computer system is configured to:

(a) calculate said total charge according to said set of itemized charge preferences,

(b) use a set of itemized charge presentation preferences to customize a calculation, and a display to a second user, of both a set of itemized charges and of a total for payment said total charge, and

(c) communicate said display to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by the second user, wherein said calculation and said

(2) the display are is customized according to a set of by the shipping management computer system, and

(3) the itemized charge presentation preferences are specified by a the first user via the first computer device.

6. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ comprising at least one computer

device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to for:

collect as receiving, from a first computer device, a set of itemized charge presentation preferences of a first user, a user input from the first user of an identification of itemized shipping charge presentation options for presentation to any buying user; and, wherein said itemized charge presentation preferences: (A) have been defined by a first user, and (B) identify a plurality of shipping charge options to be presented to one or more users;

storing the itemized charge presentation preferences in a database;  
and

using the itemized shipping charge presentation preferences of the first user to generate a display on a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by a second user, said display comprising a set of itemized charges to be paid by the second user for purchasing and shipping at least one item from the first user, wherein:

said display is generated by the shipping management computer system according to the itemized charge presentation preferences.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said A~~  
shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to for:

display an identification of a subset of a plurality of payment methods for selection by a second user, wherein the identification of the subset is displayed according to a set of preferred payment methods selected by a first user from the plurality of payment methods.

receiving a list of permissible payment methods that have been selected, via a first computer device, by a first user from list of possible payment methods;

displaying, to a second display device in communication with a second computer device used by a second user, the list of permissible payment methods; and

receiving a selection of a particular one of the permissible payment methods, said particular one of said permissible payment methods having been selected by the second user to pay for: (A) a purchase of an item by the second user from the first user, and (B) a shipment of the item from the first user to the second user.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said~~ A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed ~~to~~for:

~~collect as preferred payment methods of a first user for use by any buying user, a user input by the first user of a selection of at least one payment method from a plurality of payment methods; and~~

~~store in a database the preferred payment methods of the first user.~~

receiving a list of permissible payment methods that have been selected, via a first computer device, by a first user from list of possible payment methods;

storing the permissible payment methods in a database; and

in response to receiving an indication from a particular user that said particular user desires to purchase a particular item, displaying the permissible payment methods to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device.

Claim 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A computer system for performing a set of actions for a plurality of users, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, said computer system being programmed ~~to~~for:

~~create a hypertext link template containing variable data and global communications address fields;~~

creating a hypertext link template comprising at least one variable data field and at least one global communications address field;

~~collect~~collecting, via a first computer device, a user input of at least one item of data from a first user;

~~populate a plurality of variable data fields in the hypertext link template with the collected user input data;~~

populating the at least one variable data field in the hypertext link template with the at least one item of data input by the first user;

~~populate~~populating at least one global communications address field in the hypertext link template with a universal address location corresponding to an address at which program instructions are located for processing the data in ~~the at least one item of data in the at least one variable data fields is located;~~ and field;

~~present the hypertext link to a second user.~~

creating a hypertext link to the universal address location, wherein the hypertext link comprises: (A) the universal address location; and (B) the at least one variable data field, said at least one variable data field being populated with the at least one item of data; and

generating a display to a display device in communication with the first computer device, wherein:

the display comprises the hypertext link, and

the hypertext link is copyable by the first user into a web page for display to a plurality of users accessing the web page.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer system for performing a set of actions for a plurality of users, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, said computer system being programmed to for:

~~collect~~collecting, from a first user via a first computer device, service information about a service to be provided by the first user;

~~collect~~collecting, from a second user, via a second computer device: (A) a request for the service from to be provided by the first user, and (B) delivery information about delivery of the service; and

~~prepare~~generating a display of information about the service according to the delivery information provided by the second user and according to the service information provided by the first user; and

communicating said display to at least one of: (A) a first display device in communication with the first computer device, or (B) a second display device in communication with the second computer device.

12. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed ~~to~~for:

~~collect~~collecting, from a first user via a first computer device, a set of information comprising: (A) parcel specifications for shipping a particular parcel, (B) an origin address associated with the particular parcel, and (C) shipping preferences, and selling preferences; and for shipping the particular parcel;

~~collect~~collecting, from a second user via a second computer device, a set of recipient information comprising: (A) a destination zip code, a selection of a carrier and a selection of a service offered by the selected carrier, to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, (B) an identification of a carrier to be used in shipping the package, and (C) a delivery service by which the carrier is to ship the package;

calculating a shipping rate to be charged for having the carrier ship the particular parcel from the origin address to the destination zip code via the delivery service; and

displaying the shipping rate to a display device selected from a group consisting of: (A) a first display device that is in communication with the first computer device, and (B) a second display device that is in communication with the second computer device, wherein:

said shipping rate is calculated according to:

(A) the parcel specifications and the origin address input by the first user, and

(B) the destination zip code, the selection of the carrier, and the selection of the delivery service input by the second user.

13. (Currently Amended) A multi-carrier shipping management computer system, ~~said multi-carrier shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed ~~to~~for:

facilitating the shipping of a plurality of parcels;

for each particular one of said plurality of parcels:

(A) receiving shipping information related to shipping said particular parcel, said shipping information having been entered by a particular respective user via a respective computer device;

(B) generating a respective unique tracking number for said particular parcel; and

~~generate a~~(C) displaying the respective unique tracking number for each respective parcel to be shipped using the multi-carrier shipping management computer system to a display device that is in communication with the respective computer device, wherein:

each respective unique tracking number uniquely identifies the~~corresponds to a particular~~ respective parcel with respect to the multi-carrier, shipping management computer system.

14. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed ~~to~~for:

~~identify~~identifying a relationship between: (A) a particular parcel; (B) a carrier-specific tracking number used by a carrier computer system to track the particular parcel; and (C) a system-generated unique tracking number that uniquely identifies a~~corresponding~~the particular parcel with respect to~~within the multi-carrier, shipping management computer system, the corresponding parcel, and a corresponding carrier-specific tracking number; and;~~

~~store each system-generated unique tracking number relationship with the corresponding carrier-specific tracking number and the corresponding parcel~~storing the relationship in a memory accessible by the shipping management computer system ; and

in response to receiving, via a remote computer device, a shipment status request that comprises the system-generated tracking number;

(A) using the system-generated tracking number to identify the carrier-specific tracking number;

(B) using the carrier-specific tracking number to obtain shipment status information for the particular parcel from the carrier computer system; and

(C) displaying the shipment status information to a user via a display associated with the remote computer device.

15. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system that is~~ programmed ~~to for~~:

receiving a set of shipping criteria that has been input by a user via a remote computer device;

~~associate~~generating a system-generated unique tracking number for a respective parcel shipped using the multi-carrier, shipping management computer system, ~~with a respective carrier-specific tracking number;~~  
and particular parcel that is to be shipped according to said set of shipping criteria;

~~respond to an input of~~

associating the system-generated unique tracking number that corresponds to the respective parcel, by obtaining shipment status information from a respective carrier system according to the respective carrier-specific tracking number. for the particular parcel with a corresponding carrier-specific tracking number for the particular parcel, said carrier-specific tracking number being used by a carrier computer system to track the particular parcel; and  
in response to receiving, via a remote computer device, a shipment status request that comprises the system-generated tracking number:

(A) using the system-generated tracking number to identify the carrier-specific tracking number;

(B) using the carrier-specific tracking number to obtain shipment status information for the particular parcel from the carrier computer system; and

(C) displaying the shipment status information to a user via a



display associated with the remote computer device.

16. ~~(Currently Amended) A computer system for performing a set of actions for a plurality of users, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, said computer system programmed to~~

A computer system that is programmed for:

~~communicate a notification to a first user that a~~

(A) receiving information from a first remote computer device via a global communications network, said information indicating that a first user is willing to sell a particular item;

(B) receiving data from a second remote computer device via said global communications network, said data indicating that a second user wishes to purchase the particular item from the first user;

(C) allowing the second user to indicate, via the second remote computer device, that the second user refuses to complete the purchase of the particular item; and

(D) in response to the second user indicating that the second user refuses to complete the purchase, communicating to the first user, via the first remote computer device, that the second user has refused to complete a the purchase of an item, wherein said notification is communicated after a first point in time at which the second user has indicated to the first user that the second user wanted to purchase the item, and after a second point in time at which the first user has indicated to the second user that the item is available to the second user for purchase, but the item, wherein:

said computer system is configured for executing said Step (D) after said Step (A), and before the second user has provided delivery or payment information to the first user in regard to the purchase of the item.

Claim 17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said

~~shipping management computer system~~ comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed ~~to~~for:

~~generate~~allowing a first user to select both a delivery service and a carrier for a particular shipment;

in response to said first user selecting said delivery service and said carrier, generating a shipping log entry to a shipping log of a first user in  
~~response to a shipping selection by a second user of a service and a carrier,~~  
wherein:

said shipping log entry contains a unique identifier corresponding to a particular item to be shipped ~~and~~by the second user to the first user,

said unique identifier further corresponding~~corresponds~~ to a database entry for the particular item ~~further containing, and~~

said database entry comprises information corresponding to the shipping selection by the ~~second~~first user of the delivery service and the carrier.

19. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed ~~to~~for:

~~recognize~~recognizing as a selection of a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers and a respective delivery service of a plurality of delivery services, a selection by a second user of a particular shipping rate from an online interactive comparison display, ~~said shipping rate corresponding to a shipping of a particular item by the respective carrier and the respective service of shipping rates,~~  
wherein the online interactive comparison display of shipping rates comprises a shipping rate for each respective delivery service offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver a particular item, and wherein said particular shipping rate corresponds to a shipping of the particular item from a first user to the second user via the respective carrier and the respective delivery service; and

~~generate~~generating an entry to a shipping log of ~~a~~the first user for shipping the particular item using the respective carrier and the respective

servicedelivery service, wherein said entry is generated according to the selection by the second user.

Claims 20-21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed tofor:

~~receiver~~receiving an online tracking request for a ~~respective~~ particular parcel from a ~~respective~~ user, wherein the ~~respective~~ user submits the online tracking request to the shipping management computer system via a global communications network using a ~~respective~~ user client computer device, and wherein the online tracking request comprises a tracking number that corresponds to the ~~respective~~ particular parcel;

~~identify a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein the respective carrier corresponds to the tracking number;~~

using said tracking number to identify a particular carrier that is to deliver the particular parcel;

trackpolling, via a global communications network, a carrier shipping status system for a shipping status of the respective particular parcel, said carrier shipping status system being associated with said carrier; and

~~respond~~responding to the online tracking request with an online tracking report ~~regardingthat includes~~ the shipping status of the respective particular parcel.

23. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed tofor:

~~poll, via a global communications network, an appropriate carrier shipping status system from a plurality of carrier shipping status systems in response to~~

receiving an online user tracking request to obtain current tracking status information for a particular package, wherein the ~~appropriate~~said online user tracking request comprises an indication of a tracking identifier that uniquely identifies the particular package;

using the tracking identifier to identify a particular carrier shipping status system from a plurality of carrier shipping status systems, said particular carrier shipping status system corresponds to the online user tracking request being associated with a carrier that is to deliver said particular package;

using the tracking identifier to poll, via a global communications network, the particular carrier shipping status system for current tracking status information for the particular package; and

responding to the online user tracking request with an online tracking report that comprises the shipping current tracking status of the particular package.

Claim 24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system that is~~ programmed to: for each of a plurality of respective parcel parcels for which a package record is saved in a memory, periodically generate signals, via a global communications network, to a respective carrier shipping status system of a plurality of carrier shipping status systems at a respective electronic address on the global communications network for the respective carrier computer system, wherein said signals request a shipping status for the respective parcel;

(A) transmit a request for the respective parcel's shipping status, via a global communications network, to a carrier shipping status system associated with said respective parcel;

(B) receive said shipping status for said respective parcel from said carrier shipping status system;

(C) save said shipping status to a memory;

(D) receive an input of a tracking number that corresponds to the respective parcel; and

(E) respond to said input of said tracking number by displaying a shipping status associated with the respective parcel.

Claim 26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said~~A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:  
for each particular respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

~~in response to each respective request by each respective user of a plurality of users to ship a respective parcel~~

(A) receive, from a particular user, a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(B) identify a default shipping location associated with the particular user;

(C) for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, apply a respective set of carrier-specific shipping location rules for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to a respective default shipping location associated with the respective user and to a respective set of parcel specifications input by the respective user, wherein each respective user accesses theto the default shipping location to determine which of said plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel from the default shipping location; and

(D) generate a display that includes a listing of each of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel from the default shipping location, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users, and

each of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system overvia a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said~~A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

for each respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

~~in response to each respective request by each respective user~~

(A) receive a set of parcel specifications from a particular user for a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user;

(B) for each respective carrier of a plurality of users to ship a respective parcel carriers, apply a respective set of carrier-specific parcel handling rules for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to a respective set of parcel specifications for the respective parcel to be shipped, wherein said respective set of parcel specifications are input by the respective user, wherein each respective user accesses the to the set of parcel specifications to determine which of said plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel; and

(C) generate a display that includes a listing of each of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users, and

each of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system over via a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said A~~  
shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:  
for each respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

~~receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request to ship a respective~~

(A) receive a set of parcel specifications from a particular user for a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user;

(B) for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, determine which of the plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel according to said set of parcel specifications; and a respective input of a respective set of

~~parcel specifications for the respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the~~

(C) generate a display that includes a listing of each of said plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel according to the set of parcel specifications, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users,

each respective one of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system ~~every~~via a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, ~~wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network, and wherein and~~

~~said respective set of parcel specifications comprises a parcel weight of said particular parcel and at least one of: a parcel type, a set of parcel dimensions, and~~a parcel value; and in response to each respective request and each respective input by each respective user, identify each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the respective set of parcel specifications.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said~~A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to: ~~collect for:~~

(A) receiving a set of parcel specifications for a particular parcel to be shipped by a first user, said set of parcel specifications input by the first user via a first user client computer device to a second user, said set of parcel specifications comprising:

(1) an origin address, and

(2) at least one of:

a parcel type,

a set of parcel dimensions,

a package weight, and-or

a value of the particular parcel, wherein the first user accesses the shipping management computer system via a global communications network using the first user client computer device, and wherein the first user client computer device is adapted for communications via the global communications network; and collect

(B) receiving a set of recipient information for a delivery to a second user of the particular parcel, said set of recipient information input by the second user via a second user client computer device to the second user, said set of recipient information comprising a delivery address, wherein the second user accesses the shipping management computer system via the global communications network using the second user client computer device, and wherein the second user client computer device is adapted for communications via the global communications network.;

(1) a delivery address to which the particular parcel is to be delivered,

(2) a delivery service by which the particular parcel is to be delivered to the delivery address, and

(3) a carrier that is to deliver the particular parcel to the delivery address;

(C) calculating a shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel from the origin address to the delivery address via said delivery service and said carrier, wherein said computer system is configured to calculate the shipping rate according to at least: (1) said parcel specifications; (2) said delivery address; (3) said delivery service; and (4) said carrier; and

(D) displaying the shipping rate to at least one display device selected from a group consisting of: (1) a first display device in communication with a first user client computer device, and (2) a second display device in communication with a second user client computer device, wherein:

said set of parcel specifications is input by a first user via the first user client computer device,



said first user accesses the shipping management computer system via a global communications network using the first user client computer device,

said set of recipient information is input by a second user via the second user client computer device, and

said second user accesses the shipping management computer system via the global communications network using the second user client computer device.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~A shipping management computer system, said~~A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:  
~~instruct each respective remote user client computer device of~~  
(A) to communicate with a plurality of remote user-client computer devices  
~~over~~via a global communications network;

(B) to, for each of said plurality of client computer devices:

(1) instruct the client computer device to recognize a  
respective~~measured~~weight of a respective~~particular~~parcel as, said  
weight being measured by a~~respective~~digital scale configured with  
the~~respective remote user-client computer device; and~~

(2) instruct each~~respective remote user~~the client computer  
device of the plurality of remote user-client computer devices to  
return the~~respective~~to communicate the measured weight to the  
shipping management computer system, via the global  
communications network;

(3) receive the measured weight communicated by the user  
client computer device;

(4) calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the  
parcel according to at least the measured weight; and

(5) display the shipping rate to a display device in  
communication with the client computer device.

Claim 32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system programmed ~~to~~for:

~~communicate~~communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol; and

~~receive each respective~~for each of said client computer devices:

(A) receiving a request, from each respective ~~a user of each respective user associated with the client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, to ship a respective particular parcel; and, wherein said request comprises:~~

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

~~in response to each respective request, display to a respective display device configured with the respective user client computer device for the respective user, a respective simultaneous preview of shipping rates, wherein said respective simultaneous preview of shipping rates comprises a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for each respective delivery service offered by each respective carrier of~~

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications, and

(2) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service

according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous preview of each shipping rate calculated in Step (C) above.

34. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed to for:

~~communicate~~communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive each respective request, from each respective user of each respective user client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, to ship a respective parcel; and~~ for each of said plurality of client computer devices:

(A) receiving, from a user associated with the client computer device, a request to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

~~in response to each respective request, calculate a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of~~

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) calculating a first service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and a set of rules

for the first delivery service, and

(2) calculating a second service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and a set of rules for the second delivery service; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous online comparison comprising each service-specific, carrier specific shipping rate calculated in Step (C) above.

35. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system that is programmed to~~for:

~~communicate~~communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive each respective~~for each of said client computer devices:

(A) receiving a request, from each respective user of each respective user associated with said client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, to ship a respective particular parcel; and, wherein said request comprises:

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

~~in response to each respective request, determine a service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of~~

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) determining a first service-specific, carrier-specific

delivery schedule according to which said particular carrier would deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service, said shipping management computer system being configured to determine said first service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and at least one service-specific, carrier specific delivery schedule rule associated with said first delivery service, and

(2) determining a second service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to which said particular carrier would deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service, said shipping management computer system being configured to determine said second service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and at least one service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule rule associated with said second delivery service; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous online comparison comprising each service-specific, carrier specific delivery schedule determined in Step (C) above.

36. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system that is~~ programmed to for:

~~communicate~~

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive each respective request, from each respective user of each respective user client computer device of the plurality of and~~

(B) for each of said user client computer devices, ~~to ship a respective;~~

(1) receiving, from the user client computer device, a request to ship a particular parcel; said request including a request that a delivery notification service be implemented in association

with the shipment of the particular parcel; and

~~in response to each respective request that includes an indication input by the respective user of at least one delivery notification service option, display to a respective~~

(2) in response to said request, displaying to a display device configured with the respective user client computer device for the respective user client computer device, an identification of each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide each delivery notification service option indicated by the respective user the delivery notification service.

Claims 37-41. (Canceled).

42. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed to for:

~~communicate~~

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive each respective request, from each respective user of each respective user client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, to ship a respective parcel; and~~

(B) for each of said client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, from a user associated with said client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(a) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped;

(b) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped; and

(c) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(2) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery

destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(3) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(a) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications, and

(b) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service according to according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications; and

~~in response to each respective request, display to a respective~~

(C) displaying to a display device configured with the respective user client computer device for the respective user, a respective, a simultaneous online interactive graphic comparison comprising each respective shipping rate determined in Step (3) above, wherein:

~~each of a plurality of said respective shipping rates, wherein each respective shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the respective parcel, and wherein each respective shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the respective parcel to a respective delivery destination at a respective parcel delivery time on a respective parcel delivery date by a particular time on a particular day.~~

43. (Currently Amended) An online interactive shipping management computer system, ~~said online interactive shipping management computer system that is~~ programmed ~~to~~for:

communicate

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive a respective input from a respective user of a respective user client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, wherein said respective input modifies a previous respective request from the respective user to ship a respective parcel; and~~

(B) for each of said client computer devices:

receiving, via the client computer device, an input from a particular user, said input modifying a previous request from said particular user to ship a particular parcel, wherein:

said previous request comprises: (A) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped; (B) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped; and (C) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel,

said input comprises at least one of: (A) a modified origin identifier for said particular parcel; (B) a modified delivery destination identifier for said particular parcel; or (C) a modified set of parcel specifications for said particular parcel, and

(C) regenerating, in response to the respective said input, regenerate a respective display of shipping information to a respective display device configured with the respective user client computer device for the respective user, wherein, said respective display of shipping information is being modified according to the respective said input by the respective user.

44. (Currently Amended) An online interactive shipping management computer system, ~~said online interactive shipping management computer system that is programmed to for:~~

execute executing a set of computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface display of rating and schedule shipping information with scheduling information, said routing and scheduling information being related to shipping a particular parcel from an origin to destination, said shipping management computer system being programmed to generate said interactive user interface display according to a set of data input by a particular user from via



a particular remote user client computer device ~~that communicates with the~~  
~~online interactive shipping management computer system over a global~~  
~~communications network; and, wherein:~~

~~generate the~~said interactive user interface display  
~~comprising:~~comprises: (A) the set of data input by the particular user; (B)  
a result of the executed set of computer instructions; (C) at least one data  
collection field initialized with a data item from the set of data input by the  
particular user; and (D) an instruction to execute an executable set of  
instructions for regenerating the interactive user interface display in  
response to a user modification of data in the at least one data collection  
field; and

the particular remote user client computer device communicates  
with the online interactive shipping management computer system over a  
global communications network.

45. (Currently Amended) The online interactive shipping management  
computer system of Claim 44, ~~said online interactive shipping management~~  
~~computer system further programmed to:~~wherein:

said online interactive shipping management computer system is further  
programmed to distribute the interactive user interface display to the particular  
remote user client computer device; and

said interactive user interface display further ~~comprising~~comprises the  
executable set of instructions for regenerating the interactive user interface  
display.

Claims 46-48. (Cancelled).

49. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A shipping management computer system of  
Claim 48, ~~said shipping management computer system further programmed~~  
~~to:~~that is programmed for:

~~in response to a request by any particular respective user of the plurality~~  
~~of users to ship a particular respective parcel, identify each carrier of a~~

(A) communicating with a plurality of remote client computer devices;

(B) for each particular one of said plurality of remote client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, via said particular remote client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising a set of parcel characteristics;

(2) using said set of parcel characteristics and a first set of carrier-specific weight calculation rules to derive a first carrier-specific ratable weight for said particular parcel;

(3) using said set of parcel characteristics and a second set of carrier-specific weight calculation rules to derive a second carrier-specific ratable weight for said particular parcel;

(4) using said first carrier-specific ratable weight to determine whether a first carrier would support shipping the particular parcel;

(5) using said second carrier-specific ratable weight to determine whether a second carrier would support shipping the particular parcel; and

(6) displaying to a display device in communication with the remote client computer device, an indication of each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel according to a carrier-specific ratable weight, wherein the particular respective parcel is characterized by a respective set of parcel characteristics, wherein said respective set of parcel characteristics translate into a respective set of carrier-specific ratable weights, wherein each carrier-specific ratable weight is calculated according to carrier-specific ratable weight calculation rules for the respective carrier.

50. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system that is programmed to for:  
communicate remotely

(A) communicating with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

receive each respective (B) for each of said plurality of user client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, from each respective user of each respective user via said client computer device of the plurality of user client computer devices, to ship a respective parcel, wherein each said respective request comprises a respective origin postal code and a respective destination postal code; to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising:

determine for each respective request, a respective carrier-specific origin rating zone identifier corresponding to the respective origin postal code for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers; and

determine for each respective request, a respective carrier-specific destination rating zone identifier corresponding to the respective destination postal code for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers.

(a) an origin postal code for said particular parcel,

(b) a destination postal code for said particular parcel,

and

(c) a respective set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(2) in response to receiving the request:

(a) determining a first carrier-specific origin rating zone identifier that a first carrier would associate with the origin postal code;

(b) determining a second carrier-specific origin rating zone identifier that a second carrier would associate with the origin postal code;

(c) determining a first carrier-specific destination rating zone identifier that said first carrier would associate with the destination postal code;

(d) determining a second carrier-specific destination rating zone identifier that said second carrier would associate with the destination postal code;

(e) calculating a first service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a first delivery service offered by said first carrier according to at least the first carrier-specific origin rating zone, the first carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications;

(f) calculating a second service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a second delivery service offered by said first carrier according to at least the first carrier-specific origin rating zone, the first carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications;

(g) calculating a third service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a first delivery service offered by said second carrier according to at least the second carrier-specific origin rating zone, the second carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications; and

(h) calculating a fourth service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a second delivery service offered by said second carrier according to at least the second carrier-specific origin rating zone, the second carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications.

51. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system that is programmed to for:~~

communicate

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

~~receive each respective request, from each respective user of each respective user client computer device of the plurality of~~

(B) for each particular one of each of said user client computer devices;

~~to ship a respective parcel, wherein each said respective request comprises a shipping date, a respective origin postal code and a respective destination postal code;~~

~~determine from a respective set of delivery times for each respective service of a plurality of services for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, a respective potential delivery schedule for each respective service to ship the respective parcel.~~

(1) receiving, via said particular user client computer device, a request from a user to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising:  
(a) a shipping date on which said particular parcel is to be shipped; (b) an origin postal code for said particular parcel; and (c) a destination postal code for said particular parcel;

(2) in response to receiving said request:

(a) determining a first delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by a first carrier via a first delivery service;

(b) determining a second delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by said first carrier via a second delivery service;

(c) determining a third delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by a second carrier via a first delivery service;

(d) determining a fourth delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel

were shipped on said shipping date by said second carrier via a second delivery service; and

(e) generating, to a display device in communication with said client computer device, a display of said first, second, third, and fourth delivery schedules.

52. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, ~~said shipping management computer system~~ that is programmed to for:

~~in response to a particular user of~~

(A) communicating with a plurality of users using a particular remote user client computer device ~~devices~~ via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each particular one of said user client computer devices:

(1) receiving, via said particular user client computer device, a request to print a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel using a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers, recognize via a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier, said request comprising:

(a) a shipping date for said particular parcel;

(b) an origin postal code for said particular parcel;

(c) a destination postal code for said particular parcel; and

(d) a set of parcel specifications for said particular parcel;

(2) identifying a set of graphic resolution characteristics of a printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective remote user client computer device, and wherein each remote user client computer device is adapted for communications via the global communications network associated with a remote display device configured with said user client computer device;

(3) generating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for dimensionally accurate printing on a printer in communication with said user client computer device; and

(4) sending the shipping label image to the user client computer device for printing on the printer, wherein:

said shipping management computer system generates said shipping label image in a format according to a set of formatting rules for said particular delivery service,

said shipping management computer system generates said shipping label image according to a set of graphic resolution characteristics associated with said respective remote display device; and

said shipping label image comprises content that is derived according to said respective request.

Claim 53. (Cancelled).